## DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

### Treatment of the Agricultural Farms at Nagenahalli and Babbur as purely experimental Stations.

READ—

Government Order No. 102-12—A. & E. 105-12-6, dated 8th July 1915, sanctioning the establishment of an Agricultural Farm at Babbur in the Hiriyur Taluk and directing that the farm should be partly experimental and should be run mainly on the lines of a model farm and that it should be worked in such a manner as to become self-supporting (inclusive of the cost of experiments) within a period of three years of its starting work.

2. Government Order No. 7350-98—A. & E. 67-16-7, dated 10th March 1917, sanctioning among other things, the establishment of a demonstration and experimental sugar-cane farm at Nagenahalli in the Mysore District.

3. Government Order No. D. 11356-416—A. & E. 92-27-5, dated 25th April 1928, reviewing the work of the Agricultural Department during the year 1926-27, and making certain observations on the working of the Government Farms and their financial results.

4. Letter No. Per 45—28-29, dated the 19th July 1928, from the Director of Agriculture (Dr. Leslie C. Coleman), furnishing his views in the matter.

ORDER No. D. 4443-54—A. & E. 92-27-11, DATED 17TH OCTOBER 1928.

The Agricultural Farms at Babbur and Nagenahalli, when first started, were intended to be partly experimental and partly demonstrational and it was expected that they would be made self-supporting in a very few years. This expectation has not been realised for two reasons. Neither of these farms possesses advantages of soil and situation favourable for remunerative cultivation and what is perhaps more important, it was found necessary almost from the start to utilise both entirely for experimental work of great importance to Mysore Agriculture. They are now, in fact, purely experimental farms and the idea of making them self-supporting or of applying a simple financial test to their efficiency has therefore to be definitely abandoned.

The Director of Agriculture is of opinion that to remove possible misconceptions of the function of these farms, it is necessary to accord a formal recognition to this change of objective, and that the farms at Nagenahalli and Babbur might be declared to be purely experimental stations dealing with scientific problems relating to the important crops grown in the localities where they are situated. The Director is convinced that the most effective way of doing demonstration work is to conduct it on private holdings and he hopes that with the formation of Agricultural colonies, it may be possible to utilise them as fairly large scale demonstration centres. This view is not only based on the long experience of the Agricultural Department of the State, but finds support in the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India.

Government are pleased to accept the recommendations of the Director and to direct in modification of the Government Orders read above, that the farms at Nagenahalli and Babbur be hereafter regarded purely as experimental stations.

The Director is requested to prepare each year, a programme of experimental work proposed to be carried on in these farms and submit it for the information of Government.

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